

I support media diversity

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

I don't understand how the FCC can even be considering more deregulation in this area. It is essential in a democracy that there is a wide spectrum of views being expressed. Our media and politicians are already far too close and this will just make them closer. This is just another attempt to help the giant businessman at the expense of the consumer. But in this case it is even worse than others as information is one of our most important currencies and controlling media can equal controlling people's opinions and views (as opposed simply to their money). These airways are owned by everyone not simply a few media moguls and it is the FCC's responsibility to assure that that remains the case.

I'm not sure why the government is in such a hurry to abdicate its responsibility to protect its citizens. Why it is in such a hurry to privatize important industry, putting consumers at great risk. Do we learn from instances like the California energy crisis or prison privatization. The government needs to regulate industry.

Please vote in favor of maintaining the current limits placed on media ownership. As it is, I already hear the same information with the same slant from many sources. We cannot afford to allow for a monopolization of sources of information.

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